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Senator Frye Wants No Interference

PENDING THE INVESTIGATION

Representatives Present in the Senate Against the Passage of the Wilson Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The crisis now having come to a close the real practical business of congress began today. The session was referred to in appropriate language in the chairman's opening prayer in the senate. The attendance of senators was far from being full—the most numerous absences being on the republican side of the chamber. Nearly half of the democratic senators were present. The first business done was the swearing in of Mr. Hutton, democrat, as senator-elect from the state of Virginia, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Barbour—Mr. Hutton's service hitherto being under appointment by the governor.

Among the petitions presented and referred were several in favor of a uniform tariff rate of 35 per cent on imported but tobacco, also some memoranda against the passage of the Wilson tariff bill.

No Hawaiian Interference

Mr. Frye offered a resolution declaring in the opinion of the senate, during the investigation of the committee on foreign relations into our relations with Hawaii, there should be no interference on the part of the United States government by moral influence or physical force for the restoration of Queen Liliuokalani or for the maintenance of the provisional government of the Hawaiian islands, and that our naval force should be used only for the protection of the lives and property of American citizens. He asked that the resolution lie on the table for the present and said that he would by and by move to refer it to the committee on foreign relations.

Alone as Property Owners

A special bill to relieve David B. Gowals from the penalties of the act prohibiting aliens from owning real estate in the District of Columbia was called up by Mr. Fugate. After it was read, Mr. Harris said that he would have a general application as he regarded the act as wrong in theory and principle. The view was contested by Mr. Cockrell who did not believe that aliens ought to be allowed to come here and own real estate in the district. Then Mr. Harris limited his view to aliens who actually resided in the district, whether they were naturalized citizens or not. There was no objection, however, to the bill and it was passed.

TARIFF BILL NOT PRESENTED

House Will Consider the Hawaiian Matter Friday and Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The anticipation that the tariff bill was to come up in the house today had the effect to draw a large attendance on the floor. The session was called to order by the speaker, Mr. McCreary, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, and a resolution was adopted for the consideration of the Hawaiian matter.

Mr. Hitt, the leader of the minority on the foreign affairs committee said that the committee had decided simply to have some definite time set apart for the consideration of the matter without any possibility of further delay and he agreed to the suggestion of Mr. McCreary.

Mr. Bonville tried to call up for consideration the Hawaiian resolution introduced by him some time ago, reciting that the privileges of the house had been infringed by the executive. The resolution has been referred to the committee on foreign affairs which reported a substitute in lieu of it and recommended that the substitute pass and that the resolution offered by Mr. Bonville should lie on the table. The point was made that having referred to a committee, it could not be called up except by a majority of the committee. The speaker ruled, however, that this being a question of privilege, it could, like a contested election case, be called up by any member, and objection was made to its consideration.

Mr. McMillin objected on the ground that by special order today was to be given to the tariff bill, and Mr. McCreary added that the Hawaiian matter could wait until Friday and Saturday. The resolution offered by Mr. Bonville was agreed to, revoking all orders of the house and directing the sergeant-at-arms to notify all absent members by telegraph that important public business demanded their presence in the house.

The speaker laid before the house the resolutions of Representatives Folger and Fitch of New York. He also stated he had received the credentials of Robert Adams, who was recently elected to fill the vacancy in the second district of Pennsylvania, caused by the death of Mr. O'Neal. Mr. Adams was then escorted to the back of the house where he was sworn in by the speaker. The house at 2 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adjourned until tomorrow.

MUST PAY THEIR BILLS

Railroad Corporations Cannot Avoid Responsibilities

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A railroad corporation cannot fix up a deal with another to profit by the execution of the scheme and avoid the responsibility that attaches to the situation. So the supreme court decided today in the case of the appeal of Sarah H. Angle, administratrix of the estate of Horatio O. Angle, from the judgment of the circuit court of the western district of Wisconsin in her suit against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad company. Justice Brewer announced the opinion and judgment of the court and related the facts in it which are these: Angle, the deceased, had a contract with the Portage Railroad company to construct a branch line of the main line from the junction of a land grant from the government through the legislature of the

WENT UP IN SMOKE

Toledo Fire Got Beyond Control and Raged Five Hours

ENTAILING A LOSS OF \$850,000

Two Banks and Many Mercantile Buildings in Smoke-Enveloped.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 3.—After enjoying immunity from disastrous fires for about ten years, Toledo tonight experienced a most conflagration in the history of the city. At 5:50 flames were seen to break out on the top story of the Quale elevator, situated at the corner of Water and Madison streets and on the river front. The flames were slow in getting the alarm, and when they arrived at the scene the flames had taken possession of the top story of the great elevator. Five minutes after the first line of hose was laid four explosions followed each other in quick succession and fire issued from all sides of the building. Within fifteen minutes after the first alarm was sounded the elevator of R. A. King & Co. caught fire, and the heavy wind blowing from the southeast carried the flames to the chamber of commerce, a seven-story building on the southwestern corner of Madison and Water streets. At this point, while fighting the flames in the rear of the Quale elevator, Captain Fraser of engine company No. 1 was struck by a falling timber and probably fatally injured.

MUSEUM ABANDONED

From the Chamber of Commerce the fire spread to the seven-story building of C. L. Lucas adjoining and occupied as a warehouse and museum theatre by Col. J. H. Moore, who has like enterprises in Detroit, Michigan, and Toronto, Ontario. Next to this building stood the fire-story building occupied by West & Truax, wholesale druggists. In an incredibly short space of time the buildings were one mass of flames. Taking a northwesterly direction from the King elevator the fire found its way into the King block, a four-story building running half the length of the block between Madison and Adams streets. This was one of the oldest structures in the city and proved an easy victim to the flames. At 8 o'clock the fire threatened to spread from the King block to the elevator of Young & Jackson. At that hour the wind was blowing a partial gale and it was impossible to tell how far the blaze would go on Water street.

FIRE LEAPED ACROSS THE STREET

Directly across from the chamber of commerce on the corner of Jefferson and Senate streets stood the Hartford block, four stories in height, having a frontage of about eighty feet. This was the first building on the west side of Summit street to take fire from the chamber of commerce, and in a comparatively short time it was a complete wreck inside, but the damage was from within only, as the fire succeeded in confining the flames to the cornice of the building. To the right of the Hartford building and adjoining it, stood the three-story building occupied by J. J. Wallace as a saloon; the Toledo fire insurance company, run by John J. Wallace, a local partner; A. Seis & Co. cigar; Jacob Hockenberger, saloon; J. R. Roosman, gent's furnishing goods; N. Judd, jeweler; and L. N. Reed, druggist. This building was deluged with water to prevent the fire from spreading, and the contents will be a complete loss.

LOSSES AGGREGATE \$850,000.

The principal losses so far are: On the Quale elevator \$120,000; insurance about \$50,000; on the chamber of commerce \$140,000; insurance about \$100,000; on the King elevator \$80,000, wholly insured; on the Hartford block \$75,000, insurance \$25,000. The minor losses will aggregate \$180,000, the insurance on which cannot be estimated.

ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHERE THE NATIONAL BANK, THE SPICER BANK, THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH OFFICE AND THE AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH OFFICE. THEY LOST EVERYTHING IN THE WAY OF OFFICE FURNITURE, BOOKS AND MACHINERY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NATIONAL BANK WAS CONTAINED IN THE VAULTS OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK HAS NOT BEEN INJURED.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH OFFICE LEAVES THE CITY WITHOUT POLICE OR FIRE ALARM.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

The fire was got under control at 10 o'clock after a devastating progress, the value of which is estimated at \$850,000. On this there is an insurance of about \$700,000. On Water street, where the flames took a northerly direction, the fire was blocked at the big elevators of Young and Jackson, east of the Water street buildings, completely destroyed are the Quale elevator, the King elevator and King block, the latter containing the offices of George Brethman, loss \$10,000; Bacon and Haigh, printers, \$20,000; the Toledo Press club's rooms, loss \$1,000; Burns-Carling club and Toledo Cane club loss about \$500. The works of the Hamilton Salt company were damaged to the extent of \$1,000. On the west side of Water street the saloons of J. Vee and S. Co. are a total loss. This did not exceed \$7,000 and is partially covered by insurance. The greatest individual loss is on the Chamber of Commerce, where two banks and numerous law firms had their offices. T. F. Brown, the owner of the building, has \$100,000 insurance on a \$200,000. The lace estate owns the building adjoining the Chamber of Commerce, which was occupied by J. H. Moore's warehouse. The loss is \$70,000, almost fully insured. On the opposite corner of Madison street, the Chamber of Commerce, a three-story building occupied by the Toledo Street Railway company was damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

THE CHIEF PROTESTED

Fire Chief Wells, who has been ill for two weeks was compelled to retire while the fire was at its height. Prostrated by a chill he became insensible but rallied later in the evening. At 1:30 the several military companies in the city were called out and are to remain on duty patrolling the streets until morning. Shortly before 11 o'clock fire was discovered in the cupola of the telephone exchange. It was caused by defective wiring and was extinguished twenty minutes after being discovered. The loss will be trifling but great inconvenience will result in the operation of the telephone service.

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PHYSIC IN THE FIRE

Hinckman & Sons Destroyed by Fire Caused

BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

Standard Hardware Building Destroyed—The Loss Will Aggregate Nearly \$150,000.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 3.—Fire, which started at 6:10 tonight in the wholesale drug warehouse of T. H. Hinckman & Sons, located at Nos. 70-72 Jefferson avenue and running through to Woodbridge street, completely gutted that building and the fifth floor of Standard Bros' wholesale hardware building, Nos. 92 and 94 Woodbridge street and causing a loss of about \$150,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The fire started in the packing room on the top floor probably from spontaneous combustion, and aided by frequent explosions, spread rapidly. Before the firemen could get to work, the flames had eaten their way down to the first floor and in twenty minutes the entire building was a mass of fire. A second and third alarm was sent in calling out the fire boat, water tower and about all the engines in the city. The firemen worked desperately to confine the fire to the Hinckman building, but despite their efforts the flames gained entrance to the floor of Standard Bros' wholesale hardware building on Woodbridge street.

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The fire got no further, however, and after three hours hard work the firemen had gained complete control of it. The Hinckman drug house was the oldest establishment of its kind in the city, having been established in 1851. The senior member of the firm, T. H. Hinckman, was formerly vice president of the American Bankers' association, and is widely known throughout the country. The Hinckman loss is \$25,000 on building and between \$80,000 and \$100,000 on stock, both covered by insurance. The damage to the Standard building is \$12,000, and the loss on stock will be between \$40,000 and \$45,000, also covered by insurance. While the Hinckman fire was at its height a telegram was received by the fire department from Toledo, saying that a fire in that city had gotten beyond control, and asking that engines and hose be sent by special train. Before the special train arrived, however, the Toledo fire was reported, but the local department was unable to respond.

MINERS PROVIDED FOR

Food Contributions Will Last Them Sixty Days.

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MICHIGAN INVENTORS

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SUPREME COURT CHANGES

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Owing to the tenure of office Justice McGrath is now chief justice and occupies the center of the bench. Justice Hooker has dropped into the seat occupied by Justice Montgomery during the last two years. The latter has moved over to the south end of the bench, where Justice Grant had been wont to sit, and Justice Long took the seat vacated by Justice McGrath, surrendering his place to Justice Grant. The change was made necessary by the elevation of Justice McGrath to the chief justiceship, that honor falling upon the judge whose term soonest expires. Chief Justice McGrath is now the only democrat on the bench. He was elected in 1880 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Campbell. In point of service Justice Long is the senior member of the bench, having served since January, 1888. Judge Hooker has a full term of ten years yet to serve.

CAN KILL INFECTED DOGS.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Secretary J. J. Woodman of the State Live Stock Sanitary commission has written Attorney General Kille to the effect that a rabid dog in Woodbridge, Hillsdale county, has bitten a number of domestic animals. The commission destroyed and quarantined all the animals except the dogs, which were killed or muzzled by the local board of health. Mr. Woodman is now in the city.

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WHEEL FOUNDRY PUT IN OPERATION

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 3.—After five months of idleness the wheel foundry department of the Michigan Penitentiary Car works has begun operation, giving employment to about 300 men. The opening of this department is preliminary to the reopening of the car works which will take place about the middle of the present month and which will give employment to 400 or 500 men additional.

SCARLET FEVER LEADS

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Reports to the state board of health show influenza, rheumatism, bronchitis, tonsillitis, neuritis in order named, causing most sickness in Michigan during the week ending December 31. Scarlet fever is reported at thirty-five places, diphtheria at eighteen, measles at six. Consumption was reported by 32 per cent of the observers making weekly card reports.

WILL REMOVE MCCOY

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 3.—Gov. Rich announced this morning that he would remove Justice McCoy of Springwells, "I can't see, after reading Commission or Greenleaf's returns, what else I can do," he said. The governor will remove McCoy from his position as justice of the peace in Grand Rapids this morning, and will not take formal action till his return.

MATRIMONIAL CLUB

SERING LAKE, Mich., Jan. 3.—Spring Lake has a matrimonial club. The club has subscribed a number of marriage papers, and the members pick out some lady's advertisement, get her address and then draw cuts to see which one will correspond with her and do all in his power to marry her.

BROKE BOTH HER LEGS

SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Charles Newell met with a serious accident last evening. While driving her buggy was run into and upset by a passing vehicle and she was thrown out. Both her legs were broken, the left leg in three places just above the ankle. The right was broken and dislocated at the ankle joint.

CRIED LIKE A CHILD

SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 3.—William Palmer, who shot and killed his brother Albert two years ago, and who has put the county to the expense of trying him four times, has been sentenced to state's prison for twenty-five years. He cried like a child on being taken back to his cell.

VESSELS IN A GALE

Snow Storm and High Wind Prevail in the English Channel.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A blinding snow storm, accompanied by a heavy wind and furious sea, prevailed in the English channel last night. The packet service between English and French ports was interrupted and some of the steamers suffered damage. A number of boats from Ostend were unable to land at Dover owing to the tremendous sea, and put out into the channel again to await high water, when it was thought the storm would abate somewhat. A dispatch from Broadstairs, Kent, the east coast of the Isle of Thanet, county of Kent, says that three vessels off that coast displayed signals of distress last evening and that the Broadstairs lifeboat put out to render assistance. No hoistway could be made against the gale and the boat was compelled to stand off and make for Ramsgate, two miles south. Here the assistance of a tug was procured and the lifeboat was towed to one of the disabled or wrecked vessels in the meantime, as far as can be learned, two of the vessels that had signaled for assistance had disappeared and it is believed by many persons that they foundered. It is possible, however, that they managed to clear off shore and stand out to sea. It is thought that the lifeboat stood by the remaining vessel and that she took off the crew this morning. At the time the dispatch was sent the lifeboat had not returned. A fishing smack that had lost its bearings ran ashore at Broadstairs. All on board of her managed to reach shore safely.

AFRAID OF THE CREWS

Why Peixoto Has Not Fitted Out Two War Ships.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Paris states it has always been a puzzling question, why the Brazilian government should have gone to great expense in the fitting out of a fleet of war ships in American waters where with to attack the insurgent army of Melio, and still leave two of her most effective war ships—the Riachuelo and the Benjamin Constant—lying idly in the harbor of Toulon. The explanation, that the Riachuelo without guns is no explanation at all; as these deficiencies might easily have been remedied during the time which has elapsed since the revolutionary outbreak. It is hinted that the secret sympathies of the crews of these two ships are with the rebels, and that Peixoto is not over anxious to fit out vessels which might immediately turn against him and join the insurgents.

FOUR MEN LEAVE THE CRUISE

PRERABROOK, Jan. 3.—Four men have resigned from their places aboard the government cutter Netherbury and their duties have been assigned to recruits. Mr. Herbert and three of the ships' clerks are reported to be the men leaving the ship. The San Francisco is coming here. Her next port will be Bahia.

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